GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF SMALL SCALE AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to promote Small Scale and Cottage Industries in the country, particularly in Orissa; and

(b) the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES(SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): In addition to the on-going Schemes/Programmes for the promotion of Small Scale Industries in the country, the Government has announced a comprehensive policy package on 30.8.2000, to promote the small scale sector which inter-alia, includes enhanced fiscal and credit support, better infrastructural and marketing facilities and incentives for technology upgradation. A Credit Guarantee Fund trust has been created to provide loans up to Rs. 25.00 lakhs without collateral. A scheme to provide 12% back ended Capital Subsidy on projects of technology upgradation by SSI units in the specified projects/sub sectors has been formulated. Schemes are not formulated State-wise and these are uniformly implemented throughout the country. For the development of cottage industries and handicrafts, the schemes include training for upgradation of skills of the existing/new craft persons, design and technological development, setting up of Craft Development Centres, Common Facility Service Centres in identified craft pockets, exhibition and publicity, revival of languishing crafts, web-based geographical information system on handicrafts and setting up of Urban Hatt.

(b): The Schemes/Programmes for the promotion of Small Scale Industries are uniformallyapplicable to all the areas and no specific state-wise allocation of funds is made. An amount of Rs. 3011.85 crores for the promotion of Small Scale Sector and Rs. 152.53 crores for the development of cottage industries and handicrafts in the country was allocated during the last three years (197-98 to 1999-2000).